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TROPICAL GIRL TO HER GARDEN

Withhold your breath!
Heavy in noon and sleepy as slow death,
Garden of sweets and sours,
The cluster of my body hangs
Odorous with flowers:
Stamen serpent fangs,
Sultry, in showers.

Withhold your hand!
My boughs are bent with gold, my face is fanned
With wings of bees that, thirsting, curve and kiss.
Under green leaves green tendrils coil and hiss;
Gloom-laden branches bear me down too much.
My yellow fruit will fall without a touch
From hanging long in sultriness like this.

MOONRISE MOCKERY

Move nearer, lover
Fearful of me and the moon.
I have put flowers in my bosom for you;
For you I am remembering
Hundreds of moons,
Half a hundred lovers;
For you I am heavy with the odor of love
And old days.